

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1687
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REGARDING VACANCY OF POSTS OF IT COMMISSIONER
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether about 350 posts of Assistant Commissioner/Deputy Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax are laying vacant;
- (b) If so, whether, the Government is aware of the fact that there is a shortfall in the collection /realization of the Government revenue due to the shortage of officers;
- (c) Whether the Government propose to fix any time limit to fill up the posts of Assistant Commissioner/Deputy Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax lying vacant; and
- (d) If so, by when and if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE (SHJRI PALANIMANICKAM)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) In spite of constraints arising out of temporary vacancies at certain levels, there is no relaxation in the efforts, towards revenue collection, as a result of which, there is no shortfall in the direct tax collections in the current financial year.
- (c)&(d): No sir, The reasons are as follow:

1) In accordance with Department of Personnel and Training Office Memorandum dated 16.5.2001, this Department can fill up only 1/3rd of the vacancies or 1 % of the cadre, strength, whichever is less, arising in every year in order to downsize the strength at all levels of Direct Recruitment. Therefore 63 vacancies of Direct Recruit Officer for the post could not be filled up in last three years.

2) 170 Direct recruited officers selected from the exam year 2002 and 2003 would become available after completion of their training for the posting and 139 Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax would be available for posting after the DPC is held by UPSC under the promotion quota for the post.